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TO AMEMBASSY NOUAKCHOTT

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E.O. 11652: GDS

TAGS: OVIP, MR, US (OULD DADDAH, MARIEM)

SUBJECT: VISIT OF MADAME OULD DADDAH

REF: NOUAKCHOTT 1914

1. AMBASSADOR KOCHMAN RETURNS TO NOUAKCHOTT WEEKEND OF 8/21-22 AND WILL DISCUSS DETAILS OF MADAME OULD DADDAH'S VISIT TO THE US WHILE THERE. AT PRESENT, ARRANGEMENTS FOR THE VISIT STAND AS FOLLOWS:

2. WE UNDERSTAND SHE PLANS TO ARRIVE SEPTEMBER 13, TO SPEND WEEK OF SEPTEMBER 13-20 IN WASHINGTON, AND REMAINDER OF MONTH TRAVELING IN THE REST OF THE COUNTRY.

3. WE ARE TRYING TO ARRANGE A MEETING (PERHAPS A TEA) WITH MRS. FORD. AMBASSADOR KOCHMAN SUGGESTED THIS, AND WE AGREED TO PROPOSE IT, BUT WE DO NOT EXPECT TO HAVE ANSWER IN NEAR FUTURE. IN ANY DISCUSSIONS WITH MAURITANIANS, EMBASSY SHOULD NOT MAKE OR IMPLY ANY  
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COMMITMENTS.

4. WE SHALL ALSO SEEK APPOINTMENTS WITH DISTINGUISHED LAWYERS AND LEGISLATORS IN WASHINGTON. WOU-D APPRECIATE ANY SUGGESTIONS POST AND/OR MAURITANIAN AUTHORITIES MAY HAVE AS TO INDIVIDUALS ON WHOM SHE MIGHT WISH TO CALL.

5. AMBASSADOR KOCHMAN HAS SUGGESTED A MEETING WITH D.C. MAYOR WASHINGTON AND WE SHALL TRY TO ARRANGE THIS.

6. IT WOULD BE HELPFUL TO HAVE ANY SUGGESTIONS REGARDING MADAME DADDAH'S CULTURAL INTERESTS SO THAT WE MAY TRY TO ARRANGE VISITS TO APPROPRIATE MUSEUMS OR THEATERS.

7. WITH REGARD TO VISITS OUTSIDE WASHINGTON, WE HAVE BEEN IN TOUCH WITH UNIVERSITY OF ARIZONA WHICH PROPOSES TO ARRANGE A PROGRAM OF ABOUT THREE DAYS, VISITING FARMS IN ARID AREAS, INDIAN RESERVATIONS, ETC. THE DATES OF THIS PROGRAM WILL BE FIXED WHEN WE HAVE A CLEARER VIEW OF MADAME OULD DADDAH'S TRAVEL PLANS. FOR INSTANCE, KOCHMAN SAID SHE MIGHT LIKE TO VISIT FLORIDA'S DISNEY-WORLD ON THE WAY WEST. APART FROM POSSIBLE SUBSEQUENT VISITS TO SAN DIEGO AND/OR SAN FRANCISCO, HE HAS NO CLEAR IMPRESSION OF HER PREFERENCES.

8. FOREGOING IS PROVIDED FOR EMBASSY'S INFORMATION AND FOR USE IN DISCUSSIONS WITH AMBASSADOR KOCHMAN. IF, AS IMPLIED IN REFTEL, VISIT IS NOT YET KNOWN IN MAURITANIAN GOVERNMENT, ANSWERS TO SOME OF FOREGOING QUESTIONS MAY BE DIFFICULT TO OBTAIN, BUT WE WOULD APPRECIATE SUGGESTIONS FROM ANY QUARTER SOONEST.

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